

to give people, the individuals, the parents in the District of Columbia, greater freedom, greater choice, not the bureaucrats, not the educational system in general, but parents, individuals.

Is that not the best kind of freedom to give anybody? Is that not the best kind of public policy to adopt here? It is not a hard hand of government coming down on the District. It is the freedom we are going to give parents in the District of Columbia to select charter schools for their kids, the greatest opportunity we can possibly give to anyone, including the residents of the District of Columbia.

The CHAIRMAN. The gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. ISTOOK) has 1 minute remaining.

Mr. ISTOOK. Mr. Chairman, I yield myself the balance of the time.

Certainly, as I said before, I agree with the concept that, if there are things in this bill that are carry-overs that serve no purpose any further, then they should join the two dozen provisions that we have already taken out that have been carried year after year in this bill.

We will continue to work with the other side of the aisle and our own side to make sure that we do not carry anything that is not necessary. Of course, the other issues are policy issues such as we have talked about relating to drug needles, relating to contraceptive mandates that exclude a conscience clause. Those issues are going to be brought up in further amendments.

But as to this one, Mr. Chairman, I would like to close the debate.

Mr. Chairman, I yield back the balance of my time.

POINT OF ORDER

Mr. Chairman, I make a point of order against the amendment because it violates the rules of the House since it calls for the en bloc consideration of two different paragraphs in the bill.

The precedents of the House are clear in this matter: "Amendments to a paragraph or section are not in order until such paragraph or section has been read," Cannon's Precedents, Volume 8, section 2354.

I ask for a ruling from the Chair.

The CHAIRMAN. Does the gentleman from the District of Columbia desire to be heard on the point of order?

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Chairman, I understand the rules of the House. I appreciate that I have been heard on what, for us, is a vital amendment. I will continue to work with the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. ISTOOK) to eliminate such provisions as we can agree should be eliminated.

The CHAIRMAN. For the reasons stated by the gentleman from Oklahoma (Mr. ISTOOK), the point of order is sustained.

Mr. ISTOOK. Mr. Chairman, I move that the Committee do now rise.

The motion was agreed to.

Accordingly, the Committee rose; and the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. PETRI) having assumed the chair, Mr.

LAHOOD, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union, reported that that Committee, having had under consideration the bill (H.R. 4942) making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes, had come to no resolution thereon.

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LIMITATION ON AMENDMENTS DURING FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 4942, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

Mr. ISTOOK. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that during further consideration of H.R. 4942 in the Committee of the Whole pursuant to House Resolution 563 no further amendment to the bill shall be in order except, one, pro forma amendments offered by the chairman or ranking minority member of the Committee on Appropriations or their designees for the purpose of debate; two, the amendments printed in House Report 106-790; three, the additional amendment printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD and numbered 23, which shall be debatable for 40 minutes; and, four, the additional amendment printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD and numbered 13, which shall be debatable for 10 minutes.

Each additional amendment shall be debatable for the time specified equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question in the House or in the Committee of the Whole.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2001

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to House Resolution 563 and rule XVIII, the Chair declares the House in the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill, H.R. 4942.

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IN THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

Accordingly, the House resolved itself into the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union for the further consideration of the bill (H.R. 4942) making appropriations for the government of the District of Columbia and other activities chargeable in whole or in part against the revenues of said District for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2001, and for other purposes, with Mr. LAHOOD in the chair.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The CHAIRMAN. When the Committee of the Whole rose earlier today,

the bill was open from pages 41 line 1 through page 41 line 3.

Pursuant to the order of the House of today, no further amendment to the bill shall be in order except pro forma amendments offered by the chairman or ranking member of the Committee on Appropriations, or their designees for the purpose of debate, the amendments printed in House Report 106-790, and the following additional amendments, which shall be debatable for the time specified, equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment and shall not be subject to a demand for a division of the question:

One, the additional amendment printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD and numbered 23, which shall be debatable for 40 minutes; and

Two, the additional amendment printed in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD and numbered 13, which shall be debatable for 10 minutes.

The Clerk will read.

The Clerk read as follows:

SEC. 102. Except as otherwise provided in this Act, all vouchers covering expenditures of appropriations contained in this Act shall be audited before payment by the designated certifying official, and the vouchers as approved shall be paid by checks issued by the designated disbursing official.

SEC. 103. Whenever in this Act, an amount is specified within an appropriation for particular purposes or objects of expenditure, such amount, unless otherwise specified, shall be considered as the maximum amount that may be expended for said purpose or object rather than an amount set apart exclusively therefor.

SEC. 104. Appropriations in this Act shall be available, when authorized by the Mayor, for allowances for privately owned automobiles and motorcycles used for the performance of official duties at rates established by the Mayor: *Provided*, That such rates shall not exceed the maximum prevailing rates for such vehicles as prescribed in the Federal Property Management Regulations 101-7 (Federal Travel Regulations).

Mr. ISTOOK. Mr. Chairman, I ask unanimous consent that the remainder of the bill through page 53 line 14 be considered as read, printed in the RECORD, and open to amendment at any point.

The CHAIRMAN. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Oklahoma?

There was no objection.

The text of the remainder of the bill from page 41, line 24, through page 53 line 14 is as follows:

SEC. 105. Appropriations in this Act shall be available for expenses of travel and for the payment of dues of organizations concerned with the work of the District of Columbia government, when authorized by the Mayor: *Provided*, That in the case of the Council of the District of Columbia, funds may be expended with the authorization of the chair of the Council.

SEC. 106. There are appropriated from the applicable funds of the District of Columbia such sums as may be necessary for making refunds and for the payment of judgments that have been entered against the District of Columbia government: *Provided*, That nothing contained in this section shall be construed as modifying or affecting the provisions of section 11(c)(3) of title XII of the